



**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** District Instructional Leaders

**FROM:** Dr. Anne Pressley  
Director, Office of Standards and Learning

**DATE:** November 5, 2018

**RE:** South Carolina Seal of Biliteracy

The Office of Standards and Learning is pleased to announce the State Board of Education's approval for the South Carolina Seal of Biliteracy, an award that recognizes students who have attained a functional level of proficiency in two languages (English and one other language) by graduation. The South Carolina Seal of Biliteracy serves to certify attainment of biliteracy for students, employers, and universities. It is a statement of accomplishment that helps to signal evidence of a student's readiness for career and college, and for engagement as a global citizen.

The Office of Standards and Learning has provided a support document explaining all related guidelines for the South Carolina Seal of Biliteracy, as well as an application that must be used for students to earn the award. These documents are available on the South Carolina Department of Education website and are accessible via the following links:

[South Carolina Seal of Biliteracy Overview and Guidelines](#)

[South Carolina Seal of Biliteracy Student Application](#)

By November 19, 2018, districts who choose to participate will submit names of student applicants for the South Carolina Seal of Biliteracy, and they will report student proficiency scores and qualifications no later than May 1. Seals will be made available for our South Carolina students who have earned the award by May 31, in time for graduation.

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